

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
(Modified) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICEINFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use several sheets if necessary)

(37 CFR 1.98 (b))

ATTY. DOCKET NO.

7344.US.O1

SERIAL NO.

10/784,764

APPLICANT

Mark E. Tess et al.

FILING DATE

02/23/2004

GROUP

2856

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		PATENT NUMBER	ISSUE DATE	PATENTEE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE
<i>Dr</i>	A1	5,628,890	06/13/1997	Carter et al.			
	A2	5,964,993	10/12/1999	Blubaugh, Jr. et al.	-	-	

## FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLIC- ATION DATE	COUNTRY OR PATENT OFFICE	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANS- LATION
<i>Dr</i>	WO	2004/108949	12/16/2004	WO	204	403.01	YES NO

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Place of Publication)

<i>Dr</i>	C1	Copy of The PCT Search Report
-----------	----	-------------------------------

EXAMINER: Initial citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and  
not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.*Paul S. L.*

14 April 2006

(Form PTO-1449)

The Carter et al. reference was previously considered in the IDS submitted  
30 August 2004.